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IV. *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*

1. Reference was made to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* during the general exchange of views held at the 287th and 288th meetings of the Special Committee, on 20 February 2018, and during the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, on 22 February.

2. During the general exchange of views, delegations commended the continuing efforts of the Secretariat to update the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire* and to eliminate the backlog in their preparation. The significance of the two publications as sources of reference and as effective means of maintaining the institutional memory of the Organization, as well as their importance in the dissemination of the work of the Organization, were recalled. Several delegations emphasized the need to eliminate the backlog with regard to volume III of the *Repertory*. The Secretariat was also encouraged to continue its efforts to publish the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire* in all official languages of the United Nations at the same time.

3. Delegations expressed appreciation to those Member States that had contributed to the two trust funds established for the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*, which had facilitated the progress in eliminating the backlog with regard to those publications, and encouraged Member States to make additional contributions.

4. At its 2nd meeting, the Working Group of the Whole was informed by representatives of the Secretariat about the status of the preparation of the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*.

5. Concerning the status of the *Repertory*, it was reported that studies on Article 49 for volume III of Supplements 7 to 9 (1985–1999) and Supplement 10 (2000-2009) had been drafted and were currently under review. A study on Article 33 (1) had been completed and would shortly be submitted to the lead department, the Department of Political Affairs, for review. Studies on Article 23 (1), second phrase, and (2) for

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Supplements 7 to 9 (1985–1999) were being initiated in the Codification Division. Work continued in the Office of the Legal Counsel on studies on Articles 104 and 105 for volume VI of Supplement 10 (2000–2009). The Department of Economic and Social Affairs was taking steps to prepare studies on volumes II and IV for Supplement 10 (2000–2009). With regard to Supplement 11 (2010–2015), the Codification Division was finalizing a study on Article 13 (1) (a) and the Office of Human Resources Management, in consultation with the Office of Administration of Justice, was completing a study on Article 101. On the website of the *Repertory*, 43 completed volumes, together with advance versions of studies under review, could be searched through the website's full-text search function.

6. The Secretariat maintained its long-standing relationship with the University of Ottawa and was also assisted by the work of interns in preparing studies for the *Repertory*. The Secretariat reiterated its appeal, previously made in the Sixth Committee, that delegations convey expressions of interest by academic institutions for possible cooperation on the *Repertory*. To date, the appeal had resulted in contact with two academic institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, one in the Latin America and the Caribbean region and one in the Western European and other States region. The Secretariat had also asked States to consider sponsoring associate experts to work on the *Repertory*.

7. Since the establishment of the trust fund in 2005, more than $166,000 had been donated.[1] After the use of part of the funds for the preparation of *Repertory* studies, approximately $55,000 remained available in the trust fund.

8. With regard to the *Repertoire*, it was reported that the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch of the Security Council Affairs Division had completed Supplement 19, covering the years 2014 and 2015, which was in the process of being published. An advance version was available on the website of the *Repertoire*. The Branch had also made significant progress in the drafting of Supplement 20, covering the period from 2016 to 2017. Advance versions of parts I, IX and X would be made available on the website by June 2018, followed by the remaining parts in September 2018. To improve the progress of its work, the Branch continued to develop efficiency-enhancing initiatives and closely collaborated with other departments.

9. Work was also continuing on translating the *Repertoire* into all the official languages and publishing the completed Supplements. All Supplements covering the period from 1993 to 2011 had been made available online in all official languages. The English version of Supplement 18 was to be made available in print in March 2018.

10. It was also emphasized that the search engine of the website of the *Repertoire* had been updated with the aim of making searches of the *Repertoire* more accessible and effective for Member States and the public. Modern technology continued to be leveraged to enhance the tools on the website and their interactive capabilities, for example by the publication of the *Highlights of Security Council Practice* and the Security Council monthly statistics.

11. The Branch had responded to numerous requests for information relating to the current and past practice of the Security Council and its subsidiary organs. It was emphasized that the preparation and publication of the *Repertoire* continued to rely on voluntary contributions to the trust fund and the sponsorship of associate experts.[2]

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[1] Donations were made by Albania, Chile, Finland, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[2] Donations were made, or associate experts were sponsored, by Albania, Angola, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, China, the Congo, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Libya, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

12. Following the reports by the representatives of the Secretariat, a suggestion was made to dedicate a section of the *Repertoire*, and of its website, to practice relating to Article 51 of the Charter, to ensure that the information was easily available to Member States. The representative of the Secretariat responsible for the *Repertoire* indicated that Part VII of the *Repertoire* contained the relevant references.